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Dear Name:

Since Hurricane Katrina struck our state on August 29, 2005, Marsha and I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of people like you who are willing to help Mississippi recover and rebuild. The worst natural disaster in American history left unimaginable destruction that changed many lives forever, and the selfless, unprecedented response from people and companies throughout the country – indeed, throughout the world – has been humbling and encouraging.

The Mississippi Hurricane Recovery Fund is an important part of the recovery process that is under way in our state and I am deeply grateful for your financial support of the Fund's important mission.

My intention in creating this special fund was to attract private monies to help victims of the hurricane with recovery costs that exceeded coverage from other sources, such as insurance, government grants, and immediate relief programs. I am pleased to report that the Board of Directors of the

Mississippi Hurricane Recovery Fund recently approved \$18 million in grant commitments to meet needs un-met by Federal funds in Mississippi's six southernmost counties, George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River and Stone. Funds have been awarded for individual housing assistance, community resource centers, senior citizens' centers and other needs identified in a collaborative process undertaken by more than 250 non-profit and faith-based organizations represented on Long Term Recovery Committees in each of the counties most affected by Katrina.

Progress is being made every day and much of it is thanks to the support you and more than 8,500 other contributors gave to the Mississippi Hurricane Recovery Fund. Please know that prayers of thanks are said every day for your substantial role in helping Mississippi recover and rebuild.

Sincerely,

Haley Barbour